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# TAKE NOTE

### February 1, 8, 15, 22

Weekly 1st Street Project update meetings, City Hall, 8 a.m.

### March 1

Curbside yardwaste collection resumes.

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### March 6

Citizen's Police Academy begins (see Page 3 for details),  
St. Charles Police Department, 7 p.m.

### March 10

St. Patrick's Day Parade, Main Street, 2:00 p.m. (call the  
Chamber of Commerce at 630.584.8384 for information and  
volunteer opportunities)

### March 17

Safety Town Registration (see page 2 for details), St. Charles  
Police Department, 9 to 11 a.m.

## 2007 Spring Cleanup

The Spring Cleanup program, normally held in April, is being planned for May. Dates, times and details will be announced in the April/May issue of this newsletter and on the City's web site.

## Hydrant Flushing

Hydrant flushing will begin in the northwest quadrant of the City the week of April 16 and proceed with the southwest, northeast and southeast quadrants. Additional information and the dates for each quadrant will be detailed in the April/May issue of this newsletter and on the City's web site.

## Recycling Reminders

Following is a list of items that can be mixed in the orange recycling bins: aluminum/steel/tin cans, aluminum foil/tins, aerosol/paint cans (empty), glass bottles/jars (all colors), plastic containers (#1-5 & 7), plastic six-pack rings, and coated paper cartons (milk/juice).

Newspapers should be placed in a paper grocery bag and left on top or next to the recycling bin. Mixed papers (phone books, magazines, catalogs, chipboard boxes, envelopes) should be placed in a separate paper grocery bag. Cardboard should be flattened and cut to 36" x 36".

Call the Public Works office at (630) 377-4405 or Veolia at (630) 587-8282 for more details on the City's refuse and recycling program.

## Safety Town

Registration for the 2007 Safety Town program will be March 17, 9-11 a.m., at the St. Charles Police Department.

A parent or legal guardian may personally register his or her child, age 5 or 6. Proof of residency in the school or fire protection district, along with a waiver, is required at enrollment. The class schedule is available at [www.stcharlesil.gov/pd](http://www.stcharlesil.gov/pd) (click on "Crime Prevention") or contact Ofcr. Jeff Finley at (630) 443-3730/[jfinley@stcharlesil.gov](mailto:jfinley@stcharlesil.gov).

## Public Power Returns your Investment

Maybe you never thought of your monthly electric bill as an investment, but in St. Charles, that is what it is. All citizens own the electric utility. That means that electric utility revenues stay here, where they

benefit our local economy and support community programs.

In addition to providing residents with reliable service at low rates, the St. Charles Municipal Electric Utility helps business and residential customers in our community prosper. Our community's best interests are at the heart of everything we do.

Contact the St. Charles Municipal Electric Utility at 630.377.4407 with questions or for more information.

## Street Light Out?

St. Charles Electric Utility personnel generally repair streetlights on Fridays.

If you notice a light out, or turning off and on (cycling), call 630.377.4407 or log on to the City Web Site at [www.stcharlesil.gov](http://www.stcharlesil.gov) and click on "Customer Service Requests," Reporting a Problem/Safety Hazard, to report the exact location so it can be repaired.

## Blowin' in the Wind

Warm spring breezes blow trash and recycling into neighboring yards, ponds, and streets. Please keep trash contained on collection day.



## 24-Hour Parking

Please note that the City code prohibits vehicles to remain parked over 24 hours on any city street or in any public parking lot. Vehicles left for an extended period of time will be considered abandoned, towed, and impounded. Owners will be responsible for all towing and storage fees (up to \$500). Please contact the St. Charles Police Department at (630) 377-4435 with questions about parking regulations.

## Vial of Life

The St. Charles Fire Department will provide a specially marked prescription bottle to be placed in the refrigerator. The bottle holds a form with important details for emergency medical personnel regarding medications, physicians, and emergency contacts. A bright orange magnet for the outside of the refrigerator is also provided and will alert emergency personnel of participation. Call (630) 377-4457 to participate in this free program.



## The Tree Corner - Do Trees Have a Soul?

When you're sixty feet up in a 200 year-old oak tree, pruning off the dead



branches, your answer would be "yes, you can feel it." You can catch yourself daydreaming about what was happening directly under the tree 100-200 years ago. Were there Indians camped under it; or soldiers cleaning their rifles?

Want to feel the vibe of an old oak stand? Take a walk through Langum Woods. The best times are during or right after a substantial snow, when the woods are almost completely silent. If you're not afraid of the dark, walk through the park at night, after a fresh snowfall, when it's just light enough to see your way, but there is enough shadow to keep you looking over your shoulder.

Langum Woods is a slice of history and the great outdoors right here in our town. Contact the St. Charles Tree Commission at 377-4405 to find out how to volunteer and help preserve Langum Woods.

## Solicitor Caution

City staff and elected officials are occasionally contacted by residents regarding solicitors who present information that may be confusing for consumers. Here are some helpful tips to better inform our citizens:

- The City does not partner with private organizations, companies, or charities to solicit for products, services or donations.
- The City's policies and the Illinois State Statutes do not allow for the endorsement of consumer products or services.
- Occasionally, suspects may pose as a City employee or utility workers. All City employees carry a photo ID. When in doubt, ask to see the City ID, which will display a photo of the employee, City logo, and the employee's signature.

- The St. Charles Police Department asks door-to-door solicitors to register before soliciting within the city limits.

Anyone with questions or concerns regarding solicitors can contact the St. Charles Police Department by calling the non-emergency telephone number 630.377.4435. To report fraud or provide information about suspicious situations, immediately call 911 to dispatch officers to the scene.

### Yardwaste Collection

Curbside collection of yardwaste on regular collection days resumes March 1. Yardwaste bags cost \$1.97 each and may be purchased at the same locations refuse bags and stickers are available.

## Citizen Police Academy

What is FATS training? Ever wonder how the police handle hostage negotiations? Join the Citizen Police Academy to find out these things and more! The class meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays, Mar. 6-Apr. 26, 7 to 9 p.m., beginning March 6, at the Police Dept. training room. Applications are subject to approval and are available at the Police Department (630-377-4435) or download the form at [www.stcharlesil.gov/pd](http://www.stcharlesil.gov/pd) (click on "Crime Prevention"). Classes are also open to high school juniors and seniors, subject to approval from the high school liaison officer. For information, contact Ofcr. Jeff Finley, (630) 443-3730/jfinley@stcharlesil.gov/.



## Welcome New Businesses to St. Charles!

Remember to shop local and visit [www.stcharlesil.gov/edd](http://www.stcharlesil.gov/edd) for a complete, searchable listing of local businesses.

Business Name	Street	Phone #
American Black Forest Clocks	5 N. 6th St.	847-741-7924
Bedding Experts	3755 E. Main St., Ste. 158	584-6711
Body Jewelry (kiosk)	3800 E. Main St.	
Braxton Floor Group, Inc.	761 N. 17th St., Ste. 22	584-4900
City Electric	761 N. 17th St., Ste. 29	549-8585
D & K Painting, Inc.	707 Columba Ct., Ste. 105	742-9744
Dunham Counseling Center	451 Dunham Rd., Ste. 400	444-1801
Halsa the Aromatherapy Shop	3800 E. Main St., Ste. C209A	208-8250
Inspirations	3800 E. Main St., Ste. C209	587-0501
Marshall Salon Services	1450 W. Main St., Ste. F	584-7462
Papa John's	2712 E. Main St.	513-7272
Petco	3853 E. Main St.	513-1170
Photonic Instruments, Inc.	2435 Dean St., Ste. A	
Physicians Express	2000 W. Main St., Ste. K	803-6019
Take Care Health Center	3351 W. Main St.	800-825-2213
Tap House Grill	3341 W. Main St., Ste. 3	443-1664
Zylstra Harley-Davidson Motorcycles	131 S. Randall Rd.	584-8000

# RESOURCES

**St. Charles Municipal Center**  
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(630) 377-4400

<b>Billing - Electric/Water/Sewer</b>	
Turn Ons & Turn Offs .....	377-4426
Building & Zoning .....	377-4406
City Admin./Clerk.....	377-4422
Electric Division .....	377-4407
<b>Electric/Water/Sewer</b>	
after 5 p.m./weekends.....	443-3681
<b>Emergency.....</b>	<b>911</b>
Engineering Division .....	377-4486
Emergency Management Agency.....	377-4416
Flood Protection Assistance and Map Eng. ....	377-4486
Finance/Accounting .....	762-7002
Fire Administration .....	377-4458
Fire Prevention Bureau.....	377-4457
Human Resources .....	377-4446
Mayor Donald P. DeWitte.....	377-4444
Police Admin./Invest./Crime Prev. ....	377-4435
Public Works-Water/Sewer/Street .....	377-4405
Community Development .....	377-4443
Economic Development .....	443-4093
Refuse Pickup Info. (Onyx) .....	587-8282
TDD.....	800-526-0844

## Community Numbers

Animal Control .....	232-3555
Chamber of Commerce.....	584-8384
Heritage Center .....	584-6967
Visitors Bureau .....	377-6161
Downtown St. Charles Partnership .....	513-5386

MEETING SCHEDULE		
Meeting	Feb.	March
<b>CITY COUNCIL</b>	5 & 20	5 & 19
<b>PLAN COMMISSION</b> review & hold public hearings for rezoning, special use & new developments	6 & 20	6 & 20
<b>PLANNING &amp; DEVELOPMENT</b> zoning, annexation, boundary lines, downtown, comprehensive plan, code enforcement	12	12
<b>GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS**</b> budget, personnel, insurance, economic development, administration	5 & 20	5 & 20
<b>GOVERNMENT SERVICES</b> utilities, city property, streets, sidewalks, sewers, water, parking lots, stormwater	26	26
<b>HISTORIC PRESERVATION</b> review facade impr. & bldg. permits for exterior work within historic dist.	7 & 21	7 & 21
<b>TREE COMMISSION</b> manage city owned trees (trimming, Tree City USA, disease & pestilence, etc.)	14	14
<b>YOUTH COMMISSION*</b> direct services & grants to support the welfare of the City's youth	5	5
<b>CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENT COMMISSION</b> aesthetic improvements to City's corridors	1	1
<b>HOUSING COMMISSION</b> preserve affordable homes, address housing issues/needs, promote awareness	13	13
<i>All meetings start at 7 p.m. unless noted:  *Starts at 6 p.m.  ** Starts at 7:05 p.m. or right after the City Council meeting.  Please call the Mayor's Office at (630) 377-4445 to confirm a meeting, or visit <a href="http://www.stcharlesil.gov/meetings">www.stcharlesil.gov/meetings</a>.</i>		

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**Nancy Garrison, City Clerk**

**What's on your mind?** Your suggestions and questions are valued by the Mayor and City Council. To assure a response, please include your name and address below. Mail to: City Administrator's Office, 2 E. Main St., St. Charles, IL 60174, or email to: [CAO@stcharlesil.gov](mailto:CAO@stcharlesil.gov).

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